Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Ashton Cannon VAS2878 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. One document in the file is largely illegible except for the date 7 Aug 1831 and the signature of Ben Meador "agent for Prudence Meador and others the heirs of John Kannon." It is not clear why the middle name Ashton is inserted.]

Virginia, Dinwiddie County, to wit:

I certify that I enlisted in 177[?] in the Revolutionary war and after serving the [several undeciphered words] I was [undeciphered word] to the rank of a captain [several undeciphered words] act as a Lieutenant [several undeciphered words] the services of Lieutenants John Cannon and John Worsham [VAS1735] [several undeciphered words] of the 2^d Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment being the Regiment tow which I was attached; That Cannon and Worsham after having [several undeciphered words] to the north as early as 1777, 1778, that in 1779 they came on to Virginia under command of Col. Richard Parker [several undeciphered words] and that when I came on after the [undeciphered word] of the 2^d and 8th[?] Regiment under Captain ["Colonel" interlined above] [undeciphered surname] they were dead, having died somewhere about Petersburg; but that Cannon died it [one or two undeciphered words] of Col. [undeciphered] Randolph, who [several undeciphered words] That before I knew Cannon and Worsham in the north in 1777, they had accompanied me from Williamsburg to Goochland C. H. in 1776, as officers [undeciphered word] part of the [undeciphered word] and part of the [several undeciphered words] as prisoners of war, and that they entered the service shortly after I did, in the year 1775. And further the affiant saith not. Given under my hand this 2nd of July John Crawford [S8256] 1824 john freue

I do hereby certify that I became acquainted with John Kannon in the year 1777 who was then a Lieutenant in the second Virginia Reg't on contineltal establishment who had entered the Service in 1776. that I left him in Petersburg in 1779 then acting as Aide camp to Gen'l Charles Scoot [sic: Charles Scott] and was informed he died soon after.

Ro. Beal [Robert Beale BLWt263-300]

then Of'r in 5^{th} VR.C.A

Westmorel'd [Westmoreland] County March 9th 1832

State of Virginia

County of Franklin} Sct

I prudence Meador widow of Leroy Meador of This county but formerly Prudence Cannon The sister of John Cannon of Amelia do to the best of my knowledge and belief certify that my Brother who was much older than me went into the Revolutionary war as a regular and was a Lieutenant as I have understood of the Of the Virginia line and died while in service in the Revolutionary war

My Brother aforesaid was not married and have and left and is not but four bretherin or heirs to his estate to wit Clerissa now the wife of Basdel Nicholls of the County of Patrick Mary the widow of James Jackson of Prince Edward County Mildred the widow of Thomas Jackson of this county & myself [March 1832 (date illegible)]

Prudence Meador